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1. An Atomic Research Institute is allegedly located in Moscow, Serebrany Bor. (1)
2. A supply depot in the area was called Sklad Serebrany Bor and distribution center for material of every description. Building material, electric gear, motor vehicles, motors and all kinds of engines were picked up there. A large part of the equipment was of German origin. (2) A building of the KPP, a building trust, was southwest of the area of the institute. (3)

3. [redacted] it was generally believed that there were subterranean installations in the area east of the institute. [redacted] saw passenger cars disappear in a kind of sloping road in the area which was covered with brushwood. Normally the passengers of these cars were ranking officers, chiefly of the air force. Three or four workmen wearing overalls were permanently stationed on the premises. (4)

4. Trucks carrying building materials and many modern passenger cars were seen in the area. On the railroad track running toward what was believed to be an administration building up to six railroad cars arrived at fairly regular intervals. The sentry there checked them for undamaged lead seals and the locking levers were secured with barbed wire.

5. [redacted] commissions of the Ministry of the Interior visited the institute. Saslavski or Gorbachov (fnu) was head of building trust 3. Kuplanovski *(fnu) was head of the KPP. About 100 laborers, generally only convicts, were employed in the northern boiler house. Some German families were also observed there. In the boiler house to the south work was done in three shifts, each with 15 to 20 Soviet workers. Only a very small number of free Soviet workers were employed at the filling station (?). In the laboratory work was done in one shift by 200 to 300 convicts. About 150 well-clad civilians, two-thirds of whom were women, arrived at the institute about 7:30 a.m., some of them going to the administration (?) building. (5)

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6. The buildings were guarded by MVD and civilian personnel. What was believed to be the entrance to an underground plant was guarded by officers and surrounded by presumably an electrically charged fence. The entire area was also protected by high wire fences and partially isolated by a second "outer ring" (wire fence) quite far from the buildings.

7. [] there was a subterranean chemical factory near the area of the institute not far from Camp 7435/7. Five hundred German engineers lived between this plant and the central airport, presumably in the Sokol settlement. They were not employed in mid-1949. (6)

[] Comments.

- (1) The real purpose of the plant was not clarified but it appears that there are three installations independent of each other. For location and layout []
- (2) From wartime documents it is known that a large supply depot was in Serebrany Bor which seems to be the depot which is described in the present report.
- (3) []
- (4) Other sources who previously made statements on this plant also emphasized that there is an underground installation in this area since passenger cars used to disappear. [] As the passengers of these cars were reportedly high-ranking officers, especially air force officers, it is believed that this installation is an underground command post of the kind the Soviets found in Zossen or Wildpark.
- (5) From the reported work force it is assumed that this is a development plant rather than a manufacturing one.
- (6) It does not seem credible that as many as 500 German engineers were supported by the Soviets in 1949 without being employed in some way.

[] Comment:
Spelled Kulyanovski []

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1 [REDACTED]

2 Area of the institute

3 KPP, [REDACTED]

4 Large transformer station

5 New road being constructed

6 Railroad station of Perebrany Por, an unimportant railroad station

7 Sklad Perebrany Por, supply and transloading station

8 Three road bridges

9 Korpus U

10 Building site Kattyecha (modern sanatorium)

11 Trolleybus terminus

12 Subway station Sokol

13 Central airfield, October Field

14 Two radio towers, each 25 meters high

15 Church

16 Stadium

17 Railroad station

18 New building site Butirski-Khutor 2, allegedly a turbine factory about 200 meters long. Foundations of two workshops were observed in mid-October 1949.

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- 1 Club with theater room, library, etc. 25X1A
- 2 and 3 Boiler houses with both peat and coal-fired boilers. For detailed sketch see Annex 3a. Living quarters for engineers.
- 4 Filling station (?) with ventilating shafts. Fuel barrels were stored in small concrete houses, 8x10x4 meters, which had small, wooden ventilating shafts.
- 5 Laboratory. For details see Annex 4.
a Part of courtyard which could not be observed.
- 6 Power plant (?). The building had two transformers which were in operation. Lead-ins were not observed. For details see Annex 5. German specialists were employed here.
- 7 Large garage
a Parking lot and storage site
- 8 Korpus U. The dome of the building weighed so little it could easily be removed and AA guns mounted on the concrete platforms. For details see Annex 6.
- 9 Entrance to an underground plant (?)
a Fresh air shaft
b Small workshop
c Meadows
- 10 School building (?), behind it fountains. 25X1
a Numerous fountains
- 11 KPP
a A concrete factory
b Lumber dump
c Sawmill
d Joinery
e Locksmith's shop
f Electrical welding shop
g Forge
h Joinery
i Small, new heating house
- 12 Administration building (?). 25X1
- 13 Two four-story dwelling houses

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- 14 Several log houses
 - 15 About 12 one-family houses
 - 16 Large villa-like dwelling house
 - 17 Ten-family house with fountain in front
 - 18 Five or six houses
 - 19 About 12 houses, called house-group 20
 - 20 ?
 - 21 PW Camp
 - 22 Soviet camp administration
 - 23 Gas mains
 - 24 Gas mains
 - 25 New building site
 - 26 Small guard house with civilian sentries

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